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IN THE CLAIMS

Please enter the claims as amended during prosecution of international application PCT/EP97/03187, and published in the International Preliminary Examination Report. Copies of the International Preliminary examination Report are included herewith but the WIPO copy should be relied upon if it is already in the United States Patent Office.

Please amend the International Preliminary Examination Report claims as follows:

In claim 3, line 1, please replace "in Claims 1 or 2" with "in Claim 1".

In claim 4, lines 1-2, please replace "in one of Claims 1-3" with —in Claim 1—.

In claim 4, line 4, please replace "in one of Claims 1-3" with —in Claim 1—.

In claim 7, line 1, please replace "in Claims 5 or 6" with —in Claim 5—.

In claim 8, line 2, please replace "in one of Claims 1 to 4" with —in Claim 1—.

In claim 10, line 2, please replace "one of the preceding claims" with —claim 1—.

In claim 11, line 2, please replace "one of the preceding claims" with —claim 1—.

In claim 14, line 1, please replace "in Claims 12 or 13" with —in Claim 12—.

In claim 15, lines 1-2, please remove "due to the introduction of the DNA-sequence, as set forth in one of Claims 1 to 4, or at least a fragment thereof,"

In claim 17, line 1, please replace "in Claims 15 or 16" with —in Claim 15—.

In claim 19, line 1, please replace "as set forth in one of Claims 11 to 18" with —as set forth in claim 11—.

In claim 20, line 1, please replace "in one of Claim Nos. 11 to 18" with —in claim 11—.

In claim 21, lines 2–3, please replace "in one of Claim Nos. 1 to 10" with —in Claim 1—.

In claim 23, lines 1–2, please remove "due to the introduction of the DNA–sequence, as set forth in one of Claims 1 to 4, or at least a fragment thereof,".

In claim 24, line 3, please replace "in one of Claims 1 to 4" with —in Claim 1—.

In claim 26, line 1, please replace "in Claims 24 or 25" with —in Claim 24—.

In claim 27, line 4, please replace "in one of Claims 1 to 4" with —in Claim 1—.

In claim 30, lines 2–3, please replace "in one of Claims 1 to 4" with —in Claim 1—.

In claim 30, lines 3–4, please remove "as set forth in one of Claims 1 to 4,".

In claim 32, line 1, please replace "in Claims 30 or 31" with —in Claim 30—.

In claim 33, line 2, please replace "in Claims 1 to 4" with —in Claim 1—.

In claim 35, line 1, please replace "in one of Claims 1 to 4" with —in Claim 1—.

In claim 36, line 1, please replace "as set forth in one of Claims 1 to 4" with —as set forth in Claim 1—.

In claim 36, line 2, please replace "produce plants" with —produce transgenic plants—.

In claim 36, line 2, please remove "according to Claim 18,".

In claim 37, please replace "as set forth in one of Claims 5 to 7" with —as set forth in Claim 5—.

REMARKS

The above preliminary amendment is made to remove multiple dependencies from claims 3, 4, 7, 8, 10, 11, 14, 15, 17, 19, 20, 21, 23, 24, 26, 27, 30, 32, 33, 35, 36, and 37.

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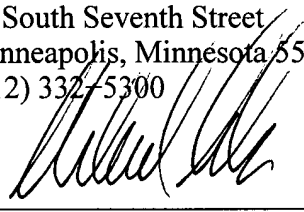
Applicant respectfully requests that the preliminary amendment described herein be entered into the record prior to calculation of the filing fee and prior to examination and consideration of the above-identified application.

Respectfully submitted,

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